

Please don't let my trust in the FCC to protect and monitor the fair use of public airwaves be misplaced. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and is damaging to democracy.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the "public interest", not to promote his own interests or what "he" considers is public interest. If Sinclair wants to air the anti-Kerry documentary, fine, but he should then be obligated to give an equal amount of air time to a pro-Kerry or anti-Bush ad. No one should be allowed to control the airwaves in this slanted fashion. We can't let our media ownership rules be weakened, we must strengthen the license renewal rules and have a greater diversity in media coverage, local as well as national. If this is not done soon we will only be getting what the large companies want us to hear just as it is done in Russia and China.

Please tell Mr. Sinclair that he may own his stations, but he does not own the airwaves and cannot be permitted to use them to serve his own purposes.

Thank you.